

FLOOR SCHEDULE FOR FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 2013

HOUSE MEETS AT:	FIRST VOTE PREDICTED:	LAST VOTE PREDICTED:
9:00 a.m.: Legislative Business Five "One Minutes" per side	10:00 – 10:30 a.m.	10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Complete Consideration of [H.R. 2231](#) – "Offshore Energy and Jobs Act" (Rep. Hastings (WA) – Natural Resources). This bill would direct the Interior Department to develop a new five-year offshore leasing plan that makes available for oil and gas exploration and development at least 50% of the unleased coastal areas with the most potential for energy production. The bill would create a nationwide revenue sharing system so coastal states would receive a 37.5% share of the federal royalties (revenue from offshore oil and gas leasing and development is currently one of the largest non-tax revenue streams for the federal government). This provision would allow states to use these revenues "for any purpose as determined by the laws of that State." The bill also requires the plan to establish a domestic oil and natural gas production goal under the Administration's current 2012–2017 Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) leasing plan of 3 million barrels of oil per day and 10 billion cubic feet of natural gas per day by 2027 (which is triple current production levels). Lastly, the bill requires that drilling be allowed more immediately off the coasts of California, South Carolina, and Virginia, and statutorily reorganizes the Interior Department agencies that oversee offshore leasing and permitting, safety inspections and revenue collection.

The Rule makes in order no further general debate. As of last night, the House had completed debate through the Rigell Amendment (#7). The following amendments remain to be debated:

Rep. DeFazio Amendment. Protects the valuable fishery in Bristol Bay off the coast of Alaska from new offshore drilling. Such drilling would be mandated by the bill; drilling in Bristol Bay is currently prohibited by the Obama Administration due to concerns regarding the potential impact on the fishery.

Rep. Broun Amendment. Places 60 day time limits on judicial review of claims arising from new offshore drilling, curtails access to the courts by plaintiffs, and institutes "loser pays" requirements for court costs.

Rep. Grayson Amendment. Ensures that no portion of this legislation is construed as affecting the right of any state to prohibit the management, leasing, developing, and use of lands (including offshore oil drilling) beneath navigable waters within its boundaries.

Reps. Capps/Brownley/Lowenthal Amendment. Protects Southern California from new offshore drilling that would be mandated by the bill, and prohibits the implementation of Title III of the bill (which directs 37.5% of the federal oil and gas offshore leasing revenue to be given to adjacent coastal states).

Bill Text for H.R. 2231:

[PDF Version](#)

Background for H.R. 2231:

[House Report \(HTML Version\)](#)

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[CRS Report:](#) Offshore Oil and Gas Development: Legal Framework

The Daily Quote

"Fourteen Republicans joined all 54 Democrats in voting for the [comprehensive immigration reform] bill Thursday... Recalling the 'very bitter disappointment' surrounding the failed reform effort in 2007, [Senator John] McCain [R-AZ] sounded a note of confidence that his efforts will bear fruit this time around. 'I am confident the will of the American people will finally prevail,' he said."

- Talking Points Memo, 6/27/13